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1. DAGENS NYHETER (INDEPENDENT LIBERAL) EDITORIAL JULY 27:
".... JIMMY CARTER WANTS TO BE A DISARMAMENT PRESIDENTMMMM
BUT DURING HIS PRESIDENCY THE AMERICAN ARMS SALES ABROAD HAVE
INCREASED INSTEAD OF DECREASED. THE PANAMA AGREEMENT AND PERHAPS
THE AGREEMENT ON NAMIBIA... AND TWO ARMS SALES APPEAR TO BE HIS
GREATEST "SUCSESSES". ...THESE ARE, TO PUT IT MILDLY, QUESTIONABLE
SUCSESSES.... WHAT MAKES THE CYPRUS QUESTIONS ESPECIALLY
DIFFICULT IS ITS INTERNATIONAL CONNECTION. TO LEADING CIRCLES
IN THE U.S. AND NATO, AN INDEPENDENT AND NEUTRAL CYPRUS HAS
ALWAYS BEEN A SOURCE OF IRRITATION. IF CYPRUS INSTEAD WAS DIVIDED
BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY, BOTH NATO MEMBERS, THE ISLAND WOULD
AUTOMATICALLY BE INCORPORATED INTO NATO. AND THE WATERS AROUND
CYPRUS ARE OF GREAT STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE.... WITH
THE PALESTINIANS' BECOMING MORE AND MORE PRESSED IN
THE LEBANON, THE IMPORTANCE OF CYPRUS FOR THE MIDDLE
EAST CONFLICT ALSO INCREASES.... A PEACEFUL FUTURE
IN CYPRUS REQUIRES COMPREHENSIVE AND PAINFUL CONCESSIONS
FROM BOTH GREEKS AND TURKS. THE PROBLEM WOULD BE DIFFICULT
ENOUGH IF IT CONCERNED TURKS AND GREEKS ALONE. NOW IT
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IS A QUESTION WHICH CONCERNS THE WHOLE SUPER POWER PLAY.
THE NEW AMERICAN ARMS DELIVERIES TO TURKEY WOULD BRING
PEACE ANY CLOSER SOUNDS ALMOST LIKE MOCKERY."
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